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IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces any earlier listing:

- 1-6. (canceled).
7. (currently amended) A method for user-adaptive dialog guidance for a speech dialog system, comprising:  
in which outputting a speech prompt ~~is output~~ by the speech dialog system,  
~~wherein in response to this waiting~~ by the speech dialog system ~~waits~~ for an utterance by  
the a system user in response to the speech prompt, for which purpose  
activating a speech recognition system ~~is activated~~ in order to understand the utterance by  
the user,  
~~wherein differentiating by the system differentiates~~ inexperienced and experienced users  
and ~~outputs outputting by the system~~ a detailed prompt to inexperienced users, ~~while it~~  
uses and a shortened prompt for experienced users,  
~~characterized in that initializing~~ a dialog step with a shortened prompt ~~is initialized~~ on the  
part of the speech dialog system,  
~~after which outputting~~ a detailed prompt ~~is output~~ if there is no utterance by the system  
user in response to the shortened prompt after a specific time.
8. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 7,  
wherein the shortened prompt occurs in the form of a short audible signal.
9. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 7,  
wherein if the system user repeatedly fails to make an utterance in response to the  
shortened prompt, the time period for the speech recognition timeout after which a

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detailed speech output occurs is shorted.

10. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the time period for the speech recognition system timeout is shortened as the number of instances in which there is no utterance in response to the shortened prompt increases and occurs in a plurality of stages.
11. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein if the system user already responds to the shortened prompt, the time period for the speech recognition system timeout is prolonged.
12. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the speech dialog system is configured in such a way that the system user can interrupt the outputting of the prompt by prematurely inputting a speech utterance.